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1. WE EXPLAINED TO DAVIGNON WHY US CONSIDERS THE IS
DRAFT DECLARATION VASTLY SUPERIOR TO BELGIAN DRAFT AND
INFORMED HIM THAT US EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS WERE
APPROACHING GOVERNMENTS TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO AGREE

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TO WORK FROM THE IS DRAFT RATHER THAN THE BELGIAN DRAFT.

2. DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT BELGIUM AND THE US HAD THE SAME OBJECTIVE--TO PRODUCE A DECLARATION THAT WOULD REFLECT THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE NATO SUMMIT AND WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE AND FORCEFUL IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC. WHERE WE DIFFERED WAS IN OUR APPRECIATIONS OF HOW BEST TO DO THIS. DAVIGNON THOUGHT THAT A SHOPPING LIST DECLARATION WOULD PRODUCE YAWNS. IN HIS VIEW A SHORTER, MORE GENERAL DECLARATION WOULD BE REGARDED AS DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL.

3. DAVIGNON SAW NO REASON WHY WE COULD NOT FIND A FORMULA THAT WOULD SATISFY BOTH APPROACHES. THE SO-CALLED BELGIAN DRAFT WAS INTRODUCED BY DE STAERCKE TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION, WAS NOT A DRAFT OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, AND WOULD NOT BE DEFENDED RIGIDLY. DAVIGNON SUGGESTED A MARRIAGE OF THE TWO DRAFTS--TAKING THE BEST FROM EACH. IN HIS VIEW THIS WOULD MEAN A THIRD DRAFT THAT CONTAINED SOME OF THE GENERAL LANGUAGE OF THE DE STAERCKE DRAFT AND THE MAIN SPECIFIC POINTS OF THE IS DRAFT. FIRESTONE

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